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	Examiner Khanh Dinh	Art Unit 2151	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/26/2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nielsen, US pat. No.5,907,680.

As to claim 1, Nielsen discloses a method for enabling information associations on a client computer (110 fig.1A), comprising:

on the client computer, parsing a document (i.e., sending a request for a particular www document), said document including a number of objects and on the client computer, forming a list of those of said objects in said document for which related information is available and presenting said list to a user (see abstract, figs.1A, 2, col.5 line 45 to col.6 line 41).

on the client computer, detecting selection of one of said objects in said list by said user and searching a database for information regarding said selected one of said objects in said list and on the client computer, displaying information from said database related to said selected one of said objects in said list to said user (processing and displaying WWW documents to users upon requests, see col.6 line 42 to col.7 line 23).

As to claim 2, Nielsen discloses providing visual indication to said user of those of said objects in said document within said list (see fig.2, col.6 lines 9-49 and col.9 lines 12-42).

As to claim 3, Nielsen discloses detecting an operation in which said document is loaded into an application program and wherein said forming of said list of said objects for which related information is available is responsive to said detecting of said

operation in which said document is loaded into said application program, and wherein said forming of said list comprises comparing objects within said document with entries in a dictionary data structure (using dictionary for spell checks upon request from users, see fig.8, col.1 lines 42-67 and col.10 lines 4-46).

As to claim 4, Nielsen discloses that one of said objects within said document in said list in the event that said object within said document matches one of said entries in said dictionary (see fig.8, col.1 lines 42-67 and col.10 lines 4-46).

As to claims 5 and 6, Nielsen discloses downloading of said document onto a local system using a browser program and loading said document into a word processor program (see fig.4, col.7 line 47 to col.8 line 38 and col.9 lines 12-67).

As to claims 7 and 8, Nielsen discloses loading said document into an email program and detecting select on of said indication of said at least one related resource by said user; and outputting content associated with said at least one related resource in response to said detecting selection of said indication of said at least one related resource (see fig.4, col.7 line 47 to col.8 line 38 and col.9 lines 12-67).

As to claim 9, Nielsen discloses at least one related resource comprises a uniform resource locator associated with said related resource (providing the URL services upon requests from users, (see fig.4, col.7 line 47 to col.8 line 38 and col.9 lines 12-67).

As to claims 10 and 11, Nielsen discloses at least one related resource from said database comprises streaming audio information (see fig.12, col.11 line 26 to col.12 line 52 and col.13 lines 7-37).

As to claim 12, Nielsen discloses monitoring user activities on a local system activities indicating whether a user of said local system is interested in said document and determining a rating of said document in response to said monitoring of said activities on said local system and storing said rating of said document in association with said document, wherein said rating determines, at least in part, a likelihood that said document will be displayed in response to a search of said database (using match indicator, see fig.4, col.7 line 47 to col.8 line 53 and col.9 lines 12-42).

Claims 13-24 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claims 1-12 respectively.

Claims 25 and 27 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 1.

Claim 26 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 1. As to the added limitations, Nielsen discloses a client computer system (110 of fig.1A, col.5 line 44 to col.6 line 49). It is inherent that a computer system including a processor including a memory.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Claims 1-27 are *rejected*.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung, can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

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